

## We have a once in a lifetime chance to clean up the Willamette River!

On June 8, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) released a draft Cleanup Plan for the Willamette River Superfund Site. Under pressure from polluters like ExxonMobil, Northwest Natural and the Port of Portland, the EPA has produced a plan that puts corporate profits ahead of public health and the environment. The plan would leave more than 85% of the site contaminated, leaving our communities, our environment and our wildlife at risk for generations to come.

The Willamette River Superfund Site covers more than 2,000 acres, stretching 10 miles from the Broadway Bridge nearly to the Columbia River. It is contaminated with more than 100 toxic substances including PCBs, DDT, PAHs, lead, arsenic and heavy metals. More than 140 businesses and other entities are responsible for the pollution and should be held accountable. The pollution harms wildlife, our environment, our communities and our economy. The contaminants harm local wildlife such as bald eagles, osprey, otter and fish by causing direct mortality, and reproductive and developmental problems.

The public will have 60 days (from June 8 to August 8) to submit comments on this plan.

### Upcoming Portland EPA Meetings to voice your comments:

- \* June 24th, 2016, 11:30am - 8:00 pm. City of Portland Building, 1120 SW 5th Ave.
- \* June 29th, 2016, 11:30am - 8:00 pm. Expo Center, 2060 N. Marine Dr.
- \* June 30th, 2016, 6:00pm - 9:00pm Baucio Commons, 5000 N Willamette Blvd. (PDX City Council Public Forum)
- \* July 11th, 2016, 11:30am - 8:00 pm. University Place Conference Center, 310 SW Lincoln St.
- \* July 20th, 2016, 11:30am - 8:00 pm. Ambridge Center, 1333 NE MLK Jr. Blvd.

Comments can be emailed to EPA: [harborcomments@epa.gov](mailto:harborcomments@epa.gov).

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Dear Mr. McLerran,

The EPA's proposed cleanup of the Portland Harbor is a big win for industry and a bad deal for the public. The draft cleanup plan relies too much on "monitored natural recovery," a "do nothing" strategy that leaves pollution in the river in the hopes that it will either be covered over or flushed downstream. A more aggressive cleanup plan is needed to prevent continued harm to human health and the environment. On behalf of all people who rely on the river for food, recreation, employment, culture, and wildlife viewing opportunities, I recommend:

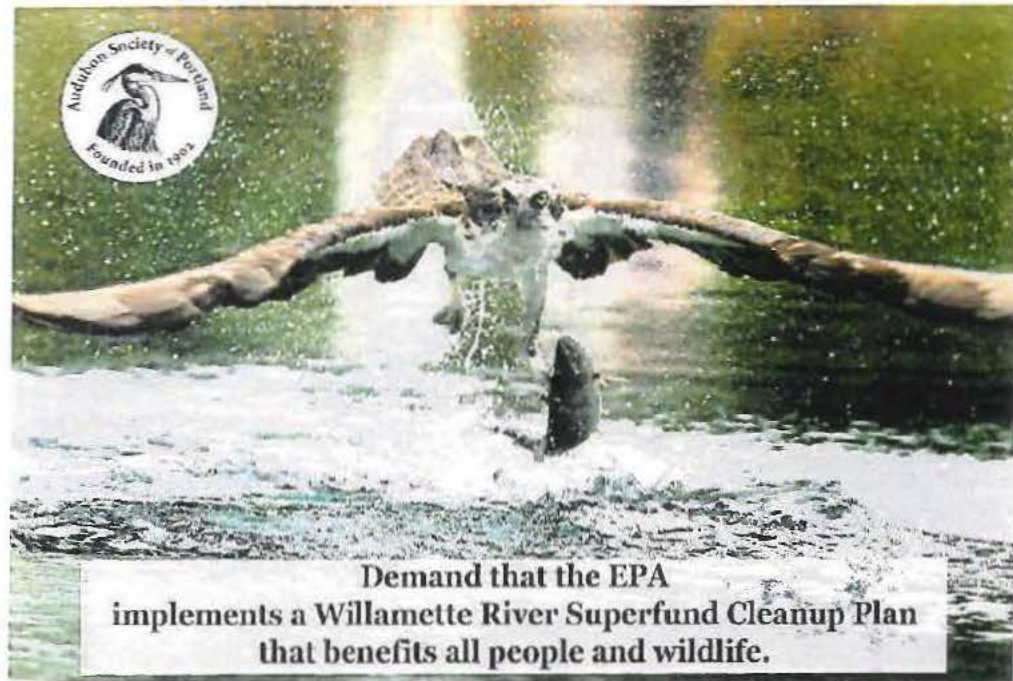
- 1) That at least 1,000 acres of polluted sediment be removed from the river.
- 2) The Cleanup Plan must result in the removal of the Fish Consumption Advisory so that eating fish from the Lower Willamette is just as safe as eating fish from anywhere else in the Willamette River System and this must occur within a 10-20 year time frame.
- 3) Toxic dredged sediments must be taken to an appropriate landfill. Creating a toxic waste disposal dump in our river is not acceptable.
- 4) Entities with liability for the pollution must be held accountable and pay for a comprehensive cleanup that will protect the health of our communities, our environment and our wildlife.

**These elements get us closer to the plan our communities deserve.  
And I deserve a clean, safe Portland Harbor.**

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Signature

Date 6-22-2016



**Demand that the EPA  
implements a Willamette River Superfund Cleanup Plan  
that benefits all people and wildlife.**

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